

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 25-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Claim 27 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

In connection with the Examiner's rejection of claim 27 because of the term "ondular", it is respectfully submitted that the word -- ondule -- means a "wave", while the term "ondular" means -- wavy --. It is therefore believed that claim 27 defines a specific shape of the first spring element which is definite.

In view of the Examiner's rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, all claims have been amended to replace the transitional word "characterized" with the acceptable term "wherein".

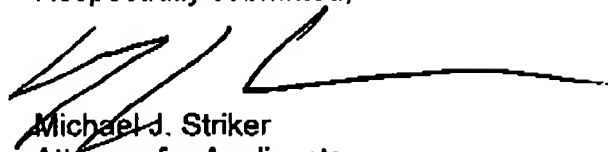
The Examiner indicated that claims 25-40 were generally allowable over the art. The Examiner's Indication of the allowability of these

claims has been gratefully acknowledged. In view of the amendments to the claims, it is believed that these claims should now be considered as being allowable.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,



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